

Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Minutes January 19, 2010

Attendance: John Bamberger, Karen Kowles, Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Helene Ver Eecke, Glenn Barrington (UMass Transit), Lynn Grabowski, (Mass Bike), Stephanie O'Keeffe (Amherst Selectboard), Capt. Jennifer Gundersen & Patrolman Felipe Feliciano (Amherst Police)

Meeting came to order at 4:05 pm in the Town Room at Town Hall.

Minutes of the Dec 22 meeting were approved.

Glenn Barrington reported that afternoon runs on route 32 have been lengthened as of 19 Jan. New schedules are available and steps have been taken to notify the ridership. Karen & Peter will pick up "bookmark schedules" at Collective Copies for distribution to Atkins Market, Bangs Center and all Town Libraries.

Cumulative ridership, July-Dec, on route 32 is slightly higher than that 08.

Larry Shaffer has included the 32 in the FY 2011 budget and there is indication from PVRTA that they will share the 32 cost when their forward funding takes effect.

Jeff Bagg, Amherst Planning Dept., met with the Committee to obtain information actions taken during FY 09 & 10 to encourage walking and cycling and to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety

Capt. Jennifer Gundersen & Patrolman Felipe Feliciano reported on activities funded by a pedestrian and cyclist safety grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety. Crosswalks have been monitored and educational traffic stops made. Rear bicycle lights and "visibility vests" have been distributed, and more will be purchased. Amherst Yoga Studio funded purchase of rear lights and Laughing Dog will issue discount certificates for purchase of front bicycle lights. Parking enforcement officers will help make sure that the movable yellow folding crosswalk signs are replaced in crosswalks after snowplowing. Red "Share the Road" signs will be placed at exits from public parking lots, and more traffic stops will be made as the weather warms with an emphasis on education rather than citations.

There was nothing to report for **Committee updates**

The **next meeting** will be at **4 pm Feb. 16th**.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Lillya, secretary